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[Eph. Blaine C. G. P. Philad<sup>a</sup> to His Excellency Gov Lee] April 5

Congress having call'd on the respective States to procure their Quoto of Supplies for the support of our Army and as I have ever experienced the most ready Disposition in your Predecessor, Self and Council to render every possible Assistance for the support of the Army, and indeed their present Existence is in a great measure owing to the Exertions of your State and Iersey.

As I shall continue at the head of the Commissaries Department and wish Active Men to be appointed to execute the Purchases in the sundry States I take the Liberty of pointing out an easy Method to procure the Supplies demanded from your State. The Head of Elk, Baltimore, George Town and Frederick Town are pointed out as proper Places for Magazines and will be continued, also Fort Frederick while prisoners are kept there.

The Commissioners of Elk & Baltimore ought to have a joint Appointment, then there will be no Contrast in their purchases, and they will have it in their power to command all the Supplies on the Eastern Shore & that part of the Western Shore contigeous to the Bay. George Town and that part of your State adjoining the Poto-mack another District, Frederick County to Supply Frederick Town Magazine and Washington County the Prisoners at Fort Fred<sup>k</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Ewing has done my Business at the Head of Elk, M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan at Baltimore, M<sup>r</sup> Richardson George Town, M<sup>r</sup> Murdoch Frederick Town and Col. Rawlings at Fort Frederick, they are well acquainted with the Business and I have ever found those Gentlemen attentive to execute my Orders with Care and Fidelity, and if they are disposed to continue and Your Excellency & Council think proper to Appoint them I am confident you will find them, faithful & capable of furnishing the Supplies and fully answering your Expectations and the Public. M<sup>r</sup> Calhoon, M<sup>r</sup> Rodgers and M<sup>r</sup> Spear of Baltimore have made Application to superintend the Purchases of that district, they are all attentive good Men, your Excellency & Council will Appoint which of them you think proper, provided M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan declines serving. I shall be happy in giving you any Information respecting Supplies.

[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

May It Please Your Excellency I Just Received your Favour of the 3<sup>rd</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> Hammond with £10,000. I have Inclos'd the order you had Sent me on the Collector; M<sup>r</sup> Farmer will Give himself the Trouble to bring me up what Money Your Excellency May Think Proper to send.

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